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To whom it may concern,

I am a professor who teaches in a landscape architecture program and does independent consulting. I use both Wintel and Apple computers.

I am disappointed in the recently announced Justice Department antitrust settlement with Microsoft. The settlement seems to me focused on protecting of the right of computer sellers to advertise rather than to stop Microsoft from controlling the software market through their dominance in the operating system market. This settlement does little to nothing that will place Microsoft on an even playing field with other software developers. Microsoft's most recent operating system release has an even more inhibiting effect on users (including myself) who might purchase third party software and on developers who might write such software.

I understand that many are pleased to just have the whole thing settled. However, the settlement misses the point and lets the offender go free.

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